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**Subject:** RE: Draft News Release

Ok, thank you.

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Looks good. Only suggestion is maybe we should indicate that the response is comprised of as indicated by TPC, approximately 20 different agencies from the Federal, State, County, and Local levels working together to secure the incident and protect the public and the environment.

Thanks Carmen.  
Adam

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**From:** Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Draft News Release

Hello. In March, we did a joint news release with TCEQ for the story map. I have drafted (very rough) a new one. I'm going to get input from TCEQ, but I wanted to give this to you asap for your thoughts and comments. Thank you, Carmen

## **EPA and TCEQ Announce Story Map Resource**

*Interactive tool provides easy access for  
TPC Group Plant Explosion fire data*

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**DALLAS** – (November 29, 2019) - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announce an interactive resource to help keep the public updated and informed about the response activities for the TPC Group Plant Explosion in Port Neches, Texas.

The resource, a collaborative, interactive “story map,” can be viewed on EPA’s website at [response.epa.gov/south4groupfire](https://response.epa.gov/south4groupfire). EPA and TCEQ’s response actions, as well as maps and photos are featured.

On November 27, 2019, in response to an explosion at the TPC facility, EPA, TCEQ, along with state and local agencies joined TPC in a Unified Command. EPA and TCEQ continue to be onsite for the emergency response focused on providing the assistance and coordination needed to address on-site and off-site impacts. EPA and TCEQ have been conducting air monitoring throughout the affected areas from the onset of the response.

TCEQ and the EPA have decades of experience responding to natural and man-made disasters. Both agencies are assisting in this response with equipment and expertise in response management. EPA has conducted ground level air monitoring with hand held equipment and the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT). The TCEQ continues to work around the clock and is posting air quality monitoring data at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident/air-quality-monitoring-tpc-port-neches-incident>.

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